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BOOK NOTICES.

American Electrical Cases. A collection of all the Important Cases (excepting patent cases) decided in the State and Federal Courts of the United States from 1873 on subjects relating to the Telegraph, the Telephone, Electric Light and Power, and other Practical uses of Electricity, with Annotations. By Wm. W. Morrell. Vol. III., 1889-1892. Price, \$6.00. Matthew Bender, Albany, 1895.

It is with pleasure that we acknowledge the receipt of this third volume of the series in Electrical Cases. The arrangement by States has been followed and a valuable index placed in the back where similar cases are grouped together under black line headings, with references to pages of the book. The lawyer is thus enabled to quickly collate all the cases within the scope of this volume. A comparison with the preceding volume is interesting from the light it throws on the increasing uses of electricity. Volume II., covering the period from 1886 to 1889, contains two cases on the subject of interference of electrical currents as compared with ten cases in volume three, which covers a period of equal length. Volume II. has six cases on the rights of abutting owners, as affected by the maintenance of electrical apparatus in the highways, while volume III. contains eighteen, the increasing number being doubtless due to the recent multiplication of wires and posts consequent upon the general adoption of electric railways. There are eighteen cases concerning electric light companies, twenty concerning telephone companies and twenty-five, or nearly one-fourth of the whole number, concerning electric railways. The last two cases give the decisions of the New York Court of Appeals and United States Supreme Court on the constitutionality of the New York law requiring electrocution as the penalty for capital offenses. The same method of notes referring to cases supporting or denying the doctrine advanced is observed as in the former volumes. This series of Electrical Cases is an indispensable aid to every attorney whose practice includes the uses of electricity.

A Treatise on the Law of Real Property. By Darius H. Pingrey, LL.D., Author of a "Treatise on Chattel Mortgages," "Real Estate Mortgages," and Contributing Editor of the American